

Wayland Library

Library 7
CAGE

Reference First Free Public Library in Massachusetts

1. East Sudbury Social Library 1796
2. East Sudbury Charitable Library 1815
3. President Wayland's Gift 1848
4. First delivery of books without charge Aug. 7, 1850
5. Through the efforts of the Rev. John Wight in 1851, a law was passed in the Massachusetts Legislature enabling a library to be supported at public expense.
6. Trust Funds

Former Citizens of Wayland

1. Rev. John Wight 1815 - 1833

Aided the establishment of Free Public Libraries

2. Lydia Maria Child 1852 - 1880

Novelist and Anti-slavery writer.

3. Rev. Edmund H. Sears 1839 - 1865 -

" It came upon the midnight clear"

" Calm on the listening ear of night"

4. James S. Draper 1811 -

Second

~~First~~ Librarian

- (Henry Wright - 1st 15 yrs - until 1865)

Planted Elms in the Center of the Town

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